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THE CUBAHATCHEE CHURCH,

MACON COUNTY, ALA.,

Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st and 2d, 1881.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening Services.
2. Read Letters from Churches and enroll Delegates.
3. Invite Ministers of our order to seats with us.
4. Organize, by electing Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
6. Receive Correspondents from Sister Associations.
7. Appoint Committees on Preaching, Auditing, Documents and State of Religion, Finance, Missions, Sunday Schools, Education, Temperance and Deceased Ministers.
8. Appoint Correspondence to Sister Associations.
9. Appoint Delegates to State Convention.
10. Hear Report of Executive Committee.
11. Hear Report of any other Committee appointed last Session.
12. Elect the "Executive Committee."
13. Hear Reports from the several Committees appointed this Session.
14. Hear Treasurer's Report and Report of the Auditing Committee.
15. Determine where the next Session of the Association will be held.
16. Arrange for Printing of Minutes and Distribution.
17. Miscellaneous Business.
18. Closing Exercises.

MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Rev. I. T. Tichenor, D. D. Auburn, Ala.	Rev. K. Taylor.....Opelika, Ala.
" W E. Lloyd.....Auburn, Ala.	" C. W. Buck.....Columbus, Ga.
" J. S. Dill.....Auburn, Ala	" J. L. Revel.....Crawford, Ala.
" E. L. Vanhoose....Auburn, Ala.	" John J. Cloud.....LaPlace, Ala.
" H. F. Oliver.....Tuskegee, Ala.	" G. D. Benton.....Seale, Ala.
" B. F. Riley.....Opelika, Ala.	" W. A. Whipple.....Lively, Ala.

LICENTIATES.

W. T. Huguley.....Salem, Ala.	H. C. Saunders.....Opelika, Ala.
R. A. Tillery.....Mott's Mill, Ala.	A. D. Lewis.....Auburn, Ala.

MINUTES.

CUBAHATCHEE CHURCH, MACON CO., ALA., }
FRIDAY, September 30, 1881. }

The thirty-sixth session of the TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION convened with the Cubahatchee Church, Macon county, Ala., on Friday, September 30th, 1881.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. G. D. Benton, from Isaiah 62; 6, 7: "Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

After the sermon the Association took a recess until two o'clock P. M.; at which hour the body reassembled for organization.

The opening service was conducted by Dr. F. C. David, the former Moderator, by reading of Scripture and song. Elder H. F. Oliver led in prayer.

The business of the Association was opened by the Moderator calling for letters from the churches.

Brethren T. M. Bailey and Z. D. Roby were requested to read the letters; and the following named brethren were enrolled as delegates from their respective churches:

Notasulga—A. G. Simpson, P. R. Seagrist.

Friendship—Letter and funds.

Philadelphia—W. H. Johnson, G. W. Harris.

Cubahatchee—J. J. Jones, E. S. McWhorter, J. S. Jones.

LaPlace—C. B. Wade, Reid Smith, Rev. J. J. Cloud, S. C. Cloud.

Elam—Charles Huguley, A. D. Lewis.

Concord, (*Macon county*)—Mat. McKee.

Ebenezer—J. E. Cooper, Willie Pierce.

Liberty—T. A. Jones, A. C. Jones.

Crawford—B. F. Watt.

Good Hope—Elder G. D. Benton, Thomas Braswell.

Shiloh—Letter and funds.

Providence—A. W. Gilbert, C. A. Killiam.

Pleasant Grove—D. W. Echols.

Auburn—Lewis Foster, Rev. W. E. Lloyd, Rev. I. T. Tichenor.

Tuskegee—Waddy Thompson, Moses Campbell, W. H. Roney, Rev. H. F. Oliver.

Loachapoka—F. E. Haney.

Union Grove—W. G. Whitman.

Rocky Mount—H. C. Blackmon.

Salem—E. W. Solomons, D. Stringer.

Girard—Rev. C. W. Buck.

Opelika—Dr. A. N. Adams, T. W. McLemore, B. Zachary, H. C. Saunders, Rev. B. F. Riley.

The names of delegates present being enrolled, the body went into the election of officers, resulting as follows:

Moderator—WADDY THOMPSON.

Clerk—C. W. BUCK.

Treasurer—E. W. SOLOMONS.

Petitionary letters being called for, Bro. W. E. Stratford presented a letter from *Oswichee*, Russell county, Ala.; which was received into the fellowship of the Association, and the name of brother Stratford enrolled as a delegate.

Received Correspondence as follows:

Rev. T. M. Bailey, D. D., as Corresponding Secretary of the Alabama State Mission Board.

Rev. F. C. David, M. D., Association Evangelist to North Alabama.

Liberty Association—Elders Z. D. Roby, D. S. Duffee.

Eufaula Association—I. T. Jordan.

Returned Correspondence as follows:

Liberty Association—Elders W. E. Lloyd, H. F. Oliver, C. W. Buck, and brethren H. C. Saunders, Dr. A. N. Adams, B. Zachary.

Tallapoosa River—A. G. Simpson.

Eufaula Association—Rev. G. D. Benton, Dr. A. N. Adams.

Columbus, Ga.—Elder C. W. Buck.

Alabama Association—Rev. H. F. Oliver, Rev. J. J. Cloud.

State Convention—Elders C. W. Buck, H. F. Oliver, W. E. Lloyd, J. J. Cloud, G. D. Benton.

The following committees were appointed:

On Preaching—A. G. Simpson, Reid Smith, with pastor and delegates from Cubahatchee Church.

On Finance—E. W. Solomons, H. C. Blackmon, Charles Huguley.

On Auditing—A. G. Simpson, Dr. A. N. Adams.

On Doctrine and State of Religion—W. E. Lloyd, G. D. Benton, W. H. Johnson.

On Sunday Schools—H. F. Oliver, A. D. Lewis, E. S. McWhorter.

On Temperance—B. F. Riley, W. E. Stratford, B. F. Watt.

On Deceased Ministers—J. J. Cloud, Moses Campbell, C. B. Wade.

On Missions—Z. D. Roby.

On Education—W. E. Lloyd.

On motion, the report on Sunday Schools was made the special order of business for 7½ o'clock P. M.

On motion, 10¼ o'clock A. M. Saturday was made the special hour for the hearing of the report on Missions, and for its discussion.

On motion, adjourned to 7½ o'clock P. M. Prayer by Elder J. J. Cloud.

FRIDAY, 7½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Services opened with prayer by Elder C. W. Buck. Services conducted by Bro. H. C. Saunders.

Report on Sunday Schools read by Bro. H. F. Oliver, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Important as Sunday Schools are confessed to be, they must not set aside the teaching of the Scriptures by parents, the attendance of the children on the preaching of the pastor, and their instruction by him in his visits from house to house. A church will receive its richest harvests, where fathers and mothers teach their children the great truths of God, and where the children are specially sought out and instructed by the pastor in familiar, private talks. For the success of the school the Superintendent is largely responsible. He should be the best man on whom the church may lay hands. Intelligence, piety, unspotted purity of character, and personal magnetism, are as necessary to him as to the pastor. Many of our schools utterly fail because of the Superintendent's incompetency. Now, as the pastor is peculiarly responsible for the souls of his congregation, and is in an advantageous position for knowing accurately the spiritual needs of young and old, and as his whole time and thought are given to the study of ways and means for carrying the gospel to human hearts, it is believed by many that the pastor is best qualified for the Superintendent's office. We, too, believe that the Sunday School needs the pastor as much as does the prayer meeting; but the pastor should never occupy a subordinate position, and when in the Sunday School, as he always ought to be, he should be there as the acknowledged leader. Thus placed, he occupies his true relation to the children, and is in the best position to affect their religious life most deeply.

Moreover, the pastor knows better than any one else which ones in the church have the teacher's gifts, and he ought, therefore, to have the appointment of the teachers and the arrangement of classes. The desire of the committee is that the pastor should be entrusted with the Sunday School, and should choose his helpers. In this way, too, we believe that a large proportion of the older people can be brought into the school. We beg our brethren and sisters to become regular attendants on the school, and members of the classes.

In addition to the study of the Uniform Lessons, we believe that some compend of Baptist doctrine—such as the Baptist Catechism, published by the American Baptist Publication Society—should be learned by the entire school, teachers and pupils, and parts of it recited at every meeting, until it is as familiar to the children of Baptists as is the Westminster Catechism to the children of Presbyterians. And we earnestly recommend the use of the helps, published by the American Baptist Publication Society, at Philadelphia.

Finally, the atmosphere of the Sunday School should be "sweetness and light." Bright and joyous Christians are the proper teachers; and good music is a prime necessity.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. OLIVER,
A. S. McWHORTER,
A. D. LEWIS,
Committee.

After an earnest discussion of the relative duties of town and county pastors to the Sunday School, the duties of the older members of the church as pupils and teachers, and the agencies to be used, by brethren Oliver, Roby and Bailey, the report was adopted.

On motion, adjourned to 8½ o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer by W. E. Lloyd.

SATURDAY, 8½ O'CLOCK A. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and by request the devotional services were conducted by Rev. H. F. Oliver. Opening prayer by C. W. Buck.

Minutes read and adopted.

The Executive Committee was elected, as follows: W. E. Lloyd, B. F. Riley, H. F. Oliver, G. W. Dawson, D. W. Floyd.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

We, your committee, are truly grateful to God for the special protection of the lives of our brethren in the ministry, none having died within the past Associational year. JOHN J. CLOUD, Chairman.

REPORT ON SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS.

The committee reported nothing as done, as they had been waiting on the action of the general committee appointed by the State Convention; and advised the raising of a special committee by this Association, urging upon them to devise some plan by which the purpose desired could be effected. The committee appointed consisting of brethren Waddy Thompson, E. W. Solomons, and Dr. A. N. Adams.

Bro. G. D. Benton having reported on the condition of Elder J. P. W. Brown, formerly a member of this Association, now in feeble health, a voluntary collection was taken up, amounting to $15.00, and forwarded to sister Brown.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The committee does not understand an argument for Education to be at all necessary before this Association. We content ourselves, therefore, by assuming that education is a Christian duty. Realizing the importance of this Christian obligation, the Baptists of Alabama, almost a half century ago, founded two colleges—male and female—locating them at Marion, Ala., known as the Howard College and Judson Female Institute. These institutions have been wonderfully preserved through all these latter years of peculiar trial, and general ruin to the material interests of the whole Southern country. The "Howard" is a marvel of success, having paid off a large debt, and even gone beyond its former success by making for itself a record more enviable as an educational agency; all of which it has accomplished without any endowment, and under circumstances of unusual embarrassment. The attendance at the "Howard" for the last session was 140, and 121 at the "Judson."

We could not, without sheer extravagance, speak in too high praise of these institutions founded by our fathers, nor too earnestly insist upon the duty of Alabama Baptists giving them their patronage and hearty support.

W. E. LLOYD, Chairman.

This report, being spoken to by brethren Bailey, of Marion, and Tichenor, of Auburn, relating to the denominational importance of these institutions, was adopted.

On motion, Bro. H. C. Saunders was adopted by the Association as the Theological Beneficiary for support and education by the Association for the incoming year, and pledges to the amount of over $100 were made, as follows: Opelika Church, $15; Dr. I. T. Tichenor, $10; Rev. J. J. Cloud, $10; Rev. H. F. Oliver, $10; T. W. McLemore, $10; Rev. W. E. Lloyd, $10; Waddy Thompson, $5; W. E. Stratford paid $5; Lewis Foster paid $5; A. G. Simpson paid $5; A. N. Adams, M. D., $5; sister Benton, $2; E. S. McWhorter, $2; M. G. Campbell, $1, paid; W. G. Whitman, $2; collection, $5.25. Total cash, $23.25.

Brethren Lloyd, Tichenor and Foster agreed to board Bro. Saunders while at school for —— months.

The special hour for the consideration of the subject of Missions having arrived, that subject was taken up, and the report called for and read, as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The money sent up, and the pledges made at the last meeting of this body, showed that the churches of the Tuskegee Association were in full sympathy and active co-operation with the benevolent enterprises of our denomination. We rejoice in the prevalence of such a spirit, and feel profoundly grateful to God for what has been done in disciplining the nations; and yet we are pained that we have fallen so far short of our obligations and opportunities in this great work. Were we to listen to the wail of the dying heathen as it pours forth from hundreds of millions of perishing souls, borne to our ears by every breeze that sweeps the ocean, could we? would we not do more than we are doing for Foreign Missions? Were we, as citizens, as patriots, as Christians, to consider carefully our true relations to the city of New Orleans, with its more than 200,000 souls, amongst whom we have but *one* poor, little, debt-burdened Baptist Church, surrounded and overshadowed by the grandly magnificent buildings of Roman Catholic colleges, convents, churches and cathedrals, would we not do more for Home Missions than we are doing? New Orleans, the Rome of America—in importance the first city of the whole South, the great stronghold of error and vice, of bold and baldest forms, from which influences are ever going forth, over all this country, which seek to undermine soul liberty and pure Christianity—stands a monument to the indifference and the shame of the million and a half of Baptists whose homes are in the South, and whose interests are all more or less directly concerned. Can we afford to do so little for Home Missions as we are now doing? Add to these considerations our duty to the Chinese in this country, and to the Indians. Can we, will we not do much more for our Home Mission work?

By reference to our State Mission Board, in the minutes of the last State Convention, you will find that during the last year (ending July 1st, 1881) the State Mission Board collected and disbursed $13,634 57; and that thirty-five men were employed, who rendered nine hundred and twenty-three weeks of service in State work. The report to which we refer shows gratifying progress. We thank God and take courage! A thousand dollars are now raised where only a hundred were contributed ten years ago; and where one man

then labored for the Master, we now have a score. The wisdom of the plan by which we work, is demonstrated by the progress we have made; and the success already attained, should certainly stimulate us to still greater efforts in the future. Therefore we recommend—

1st. That this Association continue to co-operate with the Liberty in supporting Rev. F. C. David, missionary in North Alabama.

2nd. That in connection with the Liberty, this Association undertake at an early day the support of a missionary in some foreign field—the field and the missionary to be selected by the Executive Committees of these two Associations.

3rd That the Southern Baptist Convention raise through the Home Mission Board not less than $300,000, to be used in establishing the Baptist cause in the city of New Orleans.

Respectfully,

Z. D. ROBY, Chairman.

In the consideration of the above report quite a warm and interesting discussion of the advisability of directing the missions of the Association to the great needs of our immediate home work, supplying the weak and impoverished churches of the Association with regular ministerial labor—brethren Buck, Tichenor, Bailey, Lloyd, Roby, Lewis, Foster and others earnestly representing the great need of greater effort, both at home and abroad.

On motion, the following resolution was ordered to be appended to the report, as a substitute for the amendment offered by Bro. Buck, so as to meet the demands and views of all:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of this Association be instructed to make such arrangements as in their judgment is practicable, to supply the weak and destitute churches of the Association with the regular preaching of the gospel, by aiding the churches to employ and support efficient pastors; and that such supply or assistance shall be paid for by such funds as may be contributed to this work by the churches and individual friends; and that all funds shall be used by the Committee to the end directed by the donors.

Rev. F. C. David, the Associational Evangelist, read a report of his work in North Alabama, as follows:

REPORT.

Your Evangelist begs leave to submit the following report of work done in North Alabama during the Associational year:

My field of labor has been along the line of the Memphis & Charleston Railroad from Scottsboro' to Cherokee, a distance of 125 miles. Also, work done in North Liberty Association. I delivered 165 sermons, 58 addresses; constituted 1 church, organized 3 Sunday Schools and 3 prayer meetings; number baptized by others in connection with my labors, 51; received by letter into pastorless churches 6, by experience 2; visited 10 churches, 2 preaching stations; 2 churches meet every Lord's day in my field; made 142

religious visits; attended 1 district meeting and 1 Association; secured 10 subscribers to "Alabama Baptist"; raised funds to build a house of worship at Decatur, which is near completion.

Amount received on my salary since last Association: From J. P. Shaffer, $15; from Z. D. Roby, per T. M. Bailey, $15.40; from E. W. Solomons and George E. Brewer, per T. M. Bailey, $23.10; from T. M. Bailey, $75; from Liberty Association, per W. C. Bledsoe, $5. Received from Tuskegee Association, on pledge for transportation, $50; and from Liberty Association, on transportation pledge from Dr. M. J. Ely, $10; from Bro. John Huguley, $5; from W. C. Bledsoe, $5. Total, $203.50.

Respectfully submitted, F. C. DAVID.

On motion, the reports of Com. Evangelist, and resolution as above, were adopted.

On motion, adjourned to 2½ P. M.

2½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Business was resumed by prayer by Elder Z. D. Roby.

The Committee on Preaching reported appointments for Sabbath services, as follows:

Elder H. F. Oliver at 9 o'clock A. M.

Elder I. T. Tichenor, D. D., at 11 o'clock A. M.

Elder W. E. Lloyd at 3 o'clock P. M.

Elder T. M. Bailey at 7½ o'clock P. M.

On motion, called for amounts of probable Missions fund to be sent up at next Association.

APPORTIONMENT.

Amounts expected to be raised by each church for next year's Mission work, to be applied as directed by the donors:

Auburn	$110 00	Notasulga	$ 25 00
Opelika	165 00	Cubahatchee	25 00
Tuskegee	135 00	Pleasant Grove	10 00
Concord, (Macon county)	10 00	Philadelphia	20 00
Concord, (Lee county)	10 00	Rocky Mount	20 00
Crawford	10 00	Salem	20 00
County Line	10 00	Society Hill	10 00
Elam	10 00	Seale	15 00
Friendship	10 00	Shiloh	10 00
Girard	10 00	Union Grove	12 00
Good Hope	21 46	Browneville	15 00
Liberty	15 00	Providence	10 00
Loachapoka	10 00	Ebenezer	20 00
LaPlace	25 00	Oswichee	15 00
Mt. Lebanon	10 00	Chewakla	10 00
H. C. Blackmon	5 00	Bro. Whitman	1 00
	$566 46		$238 00

The preceding *expectations* are not obligations, but amounts promised by *some* of the churches and *asked* of the *others*. We hope that by effort all may exceed the above amounts.

Bro. W. E. Lloyd reported that there was nothing of note in the letters to be brought before the Association; and, on motion, was excused from making any written report on Doctrine and State of Religion.

On motion, the report was made the special subject for consideration at 7½ P. M.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Your Committee on Auditing would report: That we have carefully examined the Treasurer's Report, and vouchers for the same, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,
A. G. SIMPSON, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

G. W. Dawson, Treasurer, in account with the Tuskegee Association:

1880.			
Oct. 15.	To Cash on hand, as per Report	$	6 85
" " " "	received from Finance Committee		421 35
Total		$	428 20

1880.	Contra Cr.		
Oct. 15.	By Cash paid R. A. Tillery	$	6 85
" " " "	for Minutes		51 10
" " " "	Indian Missions		14 25
" " " "	Foreign Missions		44 05
" " " "	China Missions		1 50
" " " "	Foreign Missions		12 00
" " " "	paid Dr. David		298 45
Total		$	428 20

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. DAWSON, Treasurer.

Committee on Preaching reported—

To preach the Introductory Sermon next year, Rev. J. J. Cloud.

To preach the Missionary Sermon, Rev. H. F. Oliver.

PLACE AND TIME OF MEETING.

On motion, the next meeting of the Association will be held with the Baptist Church at Auburn, Alabama; commencing Friday before the third Sabbath in October, 1882.

On motion, adjourned to 7½ o'clock P. M. Prayer by Dr. Bailey.

7½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Prayer by Rev. B. F. Riley.

Rev. B. F. Riley read the report on Temperance.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

Intemperance is an evil of such vast magnitude, working its ruin in all directions alike, that it is exciting the greatest apprehension in the minds of all classes of our people, and this is rapidly finding expression in a zealous opposition to its continuance. By legislative enactment, by constitutional restriction, and by every honorable means within reach, our people are seeking to stem this tide of ruin. Nor is this movement restricted to any given class of society. The demoralizing blight of strong drink, troubles our great and growing population at every point. It smites age in its infirmity, cuts down youth in its vigor, and blots into hopeless darkness the radiant promise of our young men. It invades the palatial home and the humblest cot. It paralyzes industry, retards progress, forbids wholesome legislation and the proper administration of justice. So wide-spread is its devastation, that the extent of its ruinous power can not possibly be indicated. For the safety of our institutions, it has become a positive necessity to put into operation measures for its total suppression. The zeal which shall be manifested by Christians in the struggle with this appalling evil, will largely influence the final issue. We are besought, by every appeal that can touch a godly heart, to join earnestly in the endeavor to remove from the midst of the masses this gigantic curse, by speech, by pen, by private converse and personal appeal. By all the facilities within our reach, let us strive to eradicate this dreadful bane.

B. F. RILEY, Chairman.

After earnest appeals from brethren Riley, Tichenor and Buck, urging God's people—parents, children, men, women, all—to consider our duty to God and one another in putting down the sin of intemperance in our midst and churches, the report was adopted.

FINANCE REPORT.

We, your Finance Committee, beg leave to make the following report of amount sent up by churches:

For Minutes	$ 37 95
Indian Missions	5 00
Foreign Missions	94 35
State Missions	371 70
Home Missions	1 50
Colportage	5 85
T. M. Bailey	50 00
Colored Evangelist	10 00
Education Ministers	151 50
	$727 85
Less vouchers	401 25
	$326 60
To collection for Rev. J. P. W. Brown	15 00
	$341 60

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. W. SOLOMONS,
H. C. BLACKMON,
CHAS. HUGULEY.

The Clerk begs leave to report the summary of Missions, &c.:

Amount as per Finance Report	$1,260 90
Paid Bro. H. C. Saunders	23 25
Paid Rev. J. P. W. Brown	15 00
Collection on Sabbath	25 95
Grand total	$1,325 10

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to turn over the Minute fund to the Clerk, and he requested to arrange and print the Minutes as best he can with the funds on hand, or by other aid.

Resolved, That it is the duty of the churches, and individual members, to send up to the Association all vouchers for money paid to Missions, &c., so as the proper data and credits may be given; and the Clerks of the churches are especially requested to bear this matter in mind at the next Association.

Resolution by A. G. Simpson—

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered to this church and community for their kind and lavish hospitality extended to us during our sojourn among them. Adopted.

Resolution by Bro. Riley—

Resolved, That we heartily endorse THE ALABAMA BAPTIST as our State organ; "Kind Words," and the "Lesson Helps," published by the American Baptist Publication Society, as our Sunday School literature. Adopted.

On motion, adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M. Sunday. Prayer by Rev. J. J. Cloud.

On Sabbath, Elder H. F. Oliver preached to a large audience at 9 o'clock A. M.

At 11 o'clock A. M., Rev. I. T. Tichenor, D. D., preached the Missionary Sermon from the words contained in the commission, "Go ye into all the world," &c.

After which a collection was taken up for State Missions, amounting to $25.95.

At 3 o'clock P. M., Rev. W. E. Lloyd preached as per appointment.

After the service, the Moderator called the Association to order for the closing ceremonies.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Appointed the standing committees to report at the next session, as follows:

On Education—Elder I. T. Tichenor.

On Missions—Elder W. E. Lloyd.

On Sunday Schools—Elder J. J. Cloud.

On Temperance—Elder H. F. Oliver.

On Religious Literature—Elder B. F. Riley.

DISTRICT MEETING.

Next Ministers and Deacons' meeting will be held with Rocky Mount Church, Lee county; convening on Friday before the fifth Sabbath in October, 1881.

On motion, adjourned, after singing and giving the parting hand; to meet with the Auburn Baptist Church, on Friday before the third Sabbath in October, 1882.

WADDY THOMPSON, *Moderator.*

C. W. BUCK, *Secretary.*

In order that the churches may thoroughly understand (and by request), the Clerk here gives a simple explanation of the different Mission interests fostered by the Baptists of the South, and to which the churches or brethren may direct their donations as they wish them applied. Where money *is paid* to the Boards *before* the meeting of the Association, be sure to send your vouchers and receipts in your church letter to the Association, as required by the "resolution."

THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD is located at Richmond, Va., Rev. H. H. Tupper, D. D., Corresponding Secretary. Its work includes the Missions in all foreign fields, such as China, Africa, Italy and Brazil.

THE HOME MISSION BOARD is located at Marion, Ala., Rev. W. H. McIntosh,

D. D , Corresponding Secretary. It has under its care the Missions to the Indians, the Chinese in California, and the destitute fields of the South.

The State Mission Board, Rev. T. M. Bailey, D. D., Corresponding Secretary, is located at Marion, Ala. Its duty is to direct all Missionary work in the State of Alabama. This is the *State Board*, and not the "Home" or "Domestic" Mission Board.

The Associational Mission is under the direction of the Executive Committee, Rev. W. E. Lloyd, Chairman, Auburn, Ala. Its work is to supply the destitution within the bounds of the Association, by missionary or pastoral assistance. All funds to this object should be directed "For Association Destitution."

SUGGESTION.

Why not every pastor organize a "Church Missionary Society," and endeavor to secure monthly or quarterly contributions from all of his members, so as to avoid the necessity of calling upon them at the close of the Associational year, when money is scarce?

WOULD YOU HAVE THOUGHT IT?

Ten cents every month from each member in the Association will give a yearly Mission fund of $22.20. Has the Lord a servant in this Association so poor, that he or she can not *give* that much for the spread of His truth?

Try this and see:

Three rows of cotton across the garden, will pay it.

Two rows of sugar cane, each thirty yards long, will pay it.

Seventy-five pounds of cotton rags saved through the year, will pay it.

The old iron thrown away about the place, will pay it.

The proceeds of "*one hen*" will pay it, and support the hen.

One half pound of butter per month, will pay it.

The cost of one chew of tobacco less per day, will pay it.

Three eggs per week, will pay it.

Three watermelon hills, will pay it.

One pound of good soap per month, will pay it.

One bushel of blackberries, dried, will pay it.

The proceeds of one "bee-hive" will pay it, and feed the bees.

FINANCE TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Education of Ministers.	Col'd Evangelist.	Colportage.	Association Missions.	Total.
Auburn	$ 2 10	$20 00	$ 12 25	$ 75 00	$150 00	$10 00	$11 00	.....	$ 280 35
Concord, Macon county..	1 50	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50
Union Grove	1 50	.....	90	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 40
Opelika	4 00	.....	56 20	173 60	90 00	.....	.....	.....	323 80
Tuskegee	2 00	25 00	49 25	35 00	420 00	.....	.....	.....	531 25
Ebenezer	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Cubahatchee	1 50	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 50
Crawford	2 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	13 50
Elam	1 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	2 60	.....	13 60
Friendship	1 50	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	1 75	.....	13 25
Good Hope	1 50	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 50
Girard	1 00	.....	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Liberty	2 00	.....	.....	17 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	19 00
LaPlace	1 50	.....	.....	10 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Notasulga	2 00	.....	5 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 00
Oswichee	1 50	.....	.....	11 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 10
Providence	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Philadelphia	2 00	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Pleasant Grove	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25
Rocky Mount	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Salem	1 50	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 50
Shiloh	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Seale	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Loachapoka	1 00	.....	.....	5 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 60
Browneville	1 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 80
County Line	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	$44 65	$45 00	$134 60	$432 30	$660 00	$10 00	$16 85	.....	$1343 40

E. W. Solomons for State Missions.....$ 5 00
C. W. Buck for Col'd Evangelist..... 5 00

BLANK FORM OF CHURCH LETTER.

—— Church, —— County, ——, 188

Dear Brethren of the Tuskegee Baptist Association:

The ——— Church sends greeting. We have this year received by baptism, —; received by letter, —; dismissed by letter, —; restored, —; excluded, —; dead, — We send for State Missions, $—; Foreign Missions, $—; Home Missions, $—; Association Missions, —; Minutes, $—; Ministerial Education, $— Names of delegates, ——; Alternates, ——; Pastor, —— Remarks, ——

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in the existence of one only living God; and that He has made Himself known to His people under the name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, the same in Essence and ever Divine perfection.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Eternal and Particular Election; that God chose in Christ Jesus from before the foundation of the world to save them that believed, that they should be holy and without blame before Him in Love, having predestinated them unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, sanctified, by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that nothing can separate true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

9. We believe that *Baptism* and the *Lord's Supper* are Ordinances of the Church of Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these Ordinances, and that immersion only is Baptism.

10. We believe in the resurrection and the general judgment.

11. We believe the punishment of the *wicked* will be eternal, and the joy of the righteous will be everlasting.

12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances, only such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.

CHURCHES.	OFFICES.	PASTORS OR BISHOPS.	CLERKS.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Day of Meeting.	S School	and Prayer Meeting.
Auburn	Auburn	J. S. Dill	A. F. McElhany	1	6	...	4	...	2	66	Reg	S	S&P M
Browneville	Lively	J. S. White	J. W. Knowles	.....	5	2	20	2	5	204	Reg	S	S&P M
Concord, Lee county	Mott's Mill	D. S. Duffee	J. M. Harris	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	48	.....		
Concord, Macon county	Notasulga	J. H. Norton	A. McKee	.....	2	...	1	...	...	41	2		
County Line	Salem	D. S. Duffee	N. Aldridge	.....	1	...	2	...	5	32	.....	S	S
Crawford	Crawford	G. D. Benton	L. Booker	.....	.....	...	7	1	...	45	2		
Cubahatchee	Shorter's Station	J. J. Cloud	A. S. McWhorter	.....	.....	...	.....	...	2	20	1		
Elam	Auburn	W. E. Lloyd	Chas. Huguley	2	.....	...	3	...	...	31	1		
Ebenezer	Dick's Creek	.....	J. M. F. Parker	.....	.....	...	4	...	...	19	.....		
Friendship	Hatchechubbee	G. D. Benton	L. C. Cooper	3	2	...	4	6	...	51	4		
Girard	Columbus, Ga.	G. D. Benton	F. B. Sommerkamp	11	7	1	6	...	...	91	3	S	S
Good Hope	Uchee	G. D. Benton	J. C. Williamson	.....	.....	...	18	...	2	54	3		
Liberty	Opelika	C. S. Johnson	R. B. Wright	9	6	...	3	4	...	70	1		
LaPlace	LaPlace	J. J. Cloud	S. C. Cloud	.....	.....	...	4	...	1	51	2	S	S
Loachapoka	Loachapoka	W. H. Bedell	W. W. Bloodworth	.....	.....	...	7	...	...	47	2		
Notasulga	Notasulga	J. J. Cloud	H. H. Armstrong	7	2	...	.....	...	1	43	1	S	S
Opelika	Opelika	B. F. Riley	S. E. Milford	.....	5	1	27	2	1	213	Reg	S	S
Oswichee	Oswichee	G. D. Benton	A. Williams	2	12	...	.....	...	...	14	3		
Pleasant Grove	Salem	J. L. Revel	D. W. Echols	2	2	2	.....	1	...	30	1		
Philadelphia	Smith's Station	C. W. Buck	S. L. Mullen	.....	6	...	2	...	1	54	2		
Providence	Yongesboro'	D. S. Duffee	J. W. Benton	19	1	...	5	...	...	46	2		
Rocky Mount	Mechanicsville	C. S. Johnson	J. M. Allen	5	.....	...	1	...	1	45	4		
Salem	Salem	W. E. Lloyd	D. W. Floyd	.....	3	1	2	2	...	52	2	S	S
Seale	Seale	E. Y. Vanhoose	C. F. Williams	1	3	1	2	...	1	56	4	S	S
Shiloh	Crawford	D. S. Duffee	G. W. Huguley	5	4	1	2	1	...	66	2		
Union Grove	Opelika	C. S. Johnson	A. M. Green	3	4	1	19	1	...	73	4	P	M
Tuskegee	Tuskegee	H. F. Oliver	Jno. F. Thompson	24	3	...	3	...	1	120	Reg	S	S&P M

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